THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA) : (a) and (b) The average yield of major crops in Gujarat has been fluctuating over the years depending upon the rainfall and weather conditions and in some of the years it has been higher or close to the all-India level. The average yield of Gujarat is comparable with most of the rainfed States like Madhya
Pradesh, Rajasthan and Maharashtra having similar agro-ecological conditions.

(c) Higher proportion of unirrigated land in the State is one of the reasons for relatively low yield of crops.

(d) In order to increase the productivity of crops in Gujarat, various crop production oriented programme, namely, Integrated Cereal Development, Programme-Coarse Cereal based Cropping System Areas, Intensive Cotton Development Programme, Oilseeds Production Programme, National Pulses Development project etc., are being implemented. In addition, to augment the irrigation benefits in the State, the Government has taken up accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme (AIBP) during 1996-97. Under this programme, Central loan assistance amounting Rs. 101.72 crores has been sanctioned for completion of certain identified irrigation projects in the State of Gujarat.

Pending Litigations in High Courts and Supreme Court

3069. SHRI V. RAJAN CHELLAPPA : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) the details of all litigaions pending in High Courts and the Supreme Court concering the Forest Act and CRZ on this date;

(b) whether it is a fact that delays are leading to shifting away of industries from country;

(c) whether any effort has been made to expedite resolution of differences in giving environmental clearance; and

(d) if not, the reasons therfor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (CAPT. JAI NARAIN PRASAD NISHAD) : (a) List of Litigations pending in High Courts and the Supreme Court concerning CRZ is given in the Statement (*See* below). Information is being collected regarding litigations concerning Forest Act.

(b) to (d) Every effort is made to ensure that an application for environmental clearance is decided upon, within 90 days from the time of receipt of the required documentation. In view of this it is not correct that delays in according environmental clearances by the Ministry is leading to shifting away of industries from the country.

Statement

List of litigations pending in High Courts and the Supreme Court concerning CRZ

	Litigations	Name of the Court	Subject
1.	W.P. (C) No. 664/93 filed by Indian Council for Envirol Legal Action V/s U.O.I.	Supreme Court	Serious environmental degradation along the coastal areas.
2.	W.P. No. 561/94 filed by Jaganathan V/s U.O.I & others.	Supreme Court	Acquaculture in Coastal areas.

	Litigations	Name of the Court	Subject
3.	W.P. No. 231/94 filed by Bittu Sehgal V/s U.O.I & Maharashtra Govt.	Supreme Court	Preparation of Regional Plan of Dahanu Taluka in Maharashtra—violaion of Dhanu Notificaion/ CRZ Notificaion.
4.	I.A. No. 21 in W.P. No. 664/93 filed by Indian Council for Enviro Legal Action & Smt. Maneka Gandhi V/s U.O.I & others.	Supreme Court	Environmental clearance for developmental project.
5.	SLP No. 13463-64 with I.A. No. 3 and 4 filed by K.V. Ramanathan and others V/s State of Tamil Nadu & others.	Supreme Court	Stay of construction activities in Valmki Nagar Tamil Nadu in CRZ area.
6.	I.A. No. 22 in W.P. No. 664/93 filed by Indian Council for Enviro-Legal Action & M.C. Mehta V/s U.O.I & others.	Supreme Court	Regarding a news item "Battle to save Kutch Ecology" appeared in the Hindustan Times dated 10.9.96.
7.	R.P. No. 60 of 94 in O.P. No. 8652 of 1989 filed by Law Society of India V/s State of Kerala & others.	Kerala High Court	Review of a Judgement in O.P. No. 8652 of 1989 in respect of CRZ violation.
8.	O.P. No. 10185/96 and CMP. No. 17485/96 filed by Jacob Vadakkanchery, Chairman, Swasraya Vypean V/s States of Kerala & U.O.I.	Kerala High Court	Coastal Pollution.
9.	8279/96 & W.M. Nos. 11715 & 11716/96 filed by Indian Council for Enviro Legal Action V/s U.O.I. and others.	Madras High Court	Degradation of coastal areas filed in W.P. No. 664/93.

Litigations		Name of the Court	Subject
10.	W.P. No. 7018 & 7019/96 in W.P. No. 4372 of 1996 filed by Shri M. Ganabalan V/s State of Tamil Nadu & U.O.I.	Madras High Court	Setting up of Prawn hatcheries.
11.	Civil Rule No. 2153/95 filed by Kisan Mehta & others. V/s U.O.I. & others.	Bombay High Court	Construction of four multistories structures on Bombay sea front.
12.	W.P. No. 14/96 filed by Paresh Ankush Naik V/s Goa State Committee on Coastal environment & others/ U.O.I.	Bombay High Court	Violation of CRZ notificaiton.
13.	W.P. No. 1692/96 filed by Society for clean Environment & others V/s. State of Maharashtra & others.	Bombay High Court	Violation of CRZ notification.
14.	W.P. No. 102 of 1996 filed by the Goa Foundation and others. V/s. State of Goa & others.	High Court of Bombay, Goa Bench at Panaji	Legal validity of HTL in Goa.

Electrification Programme of Railways

3070. SHRI TARA CHARAN MAJUMDAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether railway route electrification has been undertaken long back;

(b) if so, since when with names and total kilometres covered under electrification till November, 1996;

(c) whether Government propose to cover more routes under electrification programme during 1997 and 1998; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Electrification was introduced in the year 1925. Prior to 1956, 529 routekilometre had been electrified. As on 30.11.96, 13035 route kilometre have been electrified. Details of electrified section are as under: